



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

## REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED - 3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code, authorize acceptance of the compromise offers of settlement from the following individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident and who received medical care at a County facility:

Will S. Carter, in amount of \$16,666.67  
Aureliano Ramirez, in amount of \$19,771.48  
Jennifer S. Borders, in amount of \$13,486.36  
Ruben Perez, in amount of \$25,628  
Sean A. Kent, in amount of \$8,169.16  
Cathy Bird, in amount of \$15,271.97

## JUSTIFICATION:

The best interest of the County would be served by the approval of this recommendation and the County Counsel concurs.

**PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The compromise offers of settlement are recommended because the patients, estates, or legally responsible relatives are unable to pay the charges.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:**

This action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility in pursuing collection of charges owed for County services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The County will recover partial payment from a third party against debts, otherwise uncollectible due to the limited financial resources of the individuals who received the medical care.

Respectfully submitted,



MARK J. SALADINO  
Treasurer and Tax Collector

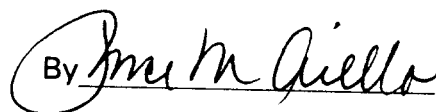
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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel

APPROVED  
LLOYD W. PELLMAN  
County Counsel

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## DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
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TRANSMITTAL NO. 52A  
DATE: February 20, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$146,842.00	Account Number	10691442
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Carter, Will S.
Balance Due	146,842.00	Service Date	12/19/01 to 01/23/02
Compromise Amount Offered	16,666.67	Facility	MLK/Drew Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$130,175.33	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

### JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Carter was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at Martin Luther King Drew Medical Center at a cost of \$146,842.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$50,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 16,666.66	\$16,666.66	33.33%
Ambulance Service	576.25	0.00	0.00%
California Hospital	527.00	0.00	0.00%
Metropolitan E/R Physical	186.00	0.00	0.00%
CA Hospital Radiology	102.00	0.00	0.00%
Millard Worten, M.D.	44.00	0.00	0.00%
Freeman E/R Physical	426.00	0.00	0.00%
St. Vincent Medical Center	525.00	0.00	0.00%
County of Los Angeles	146,842.00	16,666.67	33.33%
Net to Client	N/A	16,666.67	33.34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$165,894.91</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Carter earns a marginal income as a barber. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 52B  
DATE: February 20, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$47,592.00	Account Number	10505572
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Ramirez, Aureliano
Balance Due	47,592.00	Service Date	03/22/00 to 03/31/00
Compromise Amount Offered	19,771.48	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$27,820.52	Service Type	Inpatient

### JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Ramirez was involved in a pedestrian versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$47,592.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$70,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$23,333.33	\$23,333.33	33.33%
L.A. City Fire Department	632.50	259.33	0.37%
American Medical Response	487.50	487.50	0.70%
Wiltern Clinic, Inc.	2,745.00	1,107.78	1.61%
Kaiser Permanente	909.00	372.69	0.53%
Qualimed Specialist	505.00	207.05	0.29%
Dr. Isaac Regev	1,200.00	492.00	0.70%
Tower Imaging	1,550.00	635.50	0.90%
County of Los Angeles	47,592.00	19,771.48	28.24%
Net to Client	N/A	23,333.34	33.33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$78,954.33</b>	<b>\$70,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Ramirez is supported by relatives. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

## DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 52C  
DATE: February 20, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$32,110.00	Account Number	10629345
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Borders, Jennifer S.
Balance Due	32,110.00	Service Date	01/01/02 to 01/28/02
Compromise Amount Offered	13,486.36	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$18,623.64	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

### JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Borders was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$32,110.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$50,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$16,666.67	\$16,666.67	33.33%
BKP Chiropractic & Rehab	1,368.59	574.81	1.15%
Downey Ortho Medical Group	1,094.00	459.49	0.92%
Bumwall Clinic	4,425.00	1,858.52	3.72%
L.A. City Fire Department	643.75	270.38	0.54%
Pacific Specialty Physician	40.72	17.11	0.03%
County of Los Angeles	32,110.00	13,486.36	26.98%
Net to Client	N/A	16,666.66	33.33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56,348.73</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Borders is unemployed, relies on her friends and relatives for support. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

## DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 52D  
DATE: February 20, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$76,884.00	Account Number	10672105
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Perez, Ruben
Balance Due	76,884.00	Service Date	05/30/02 to 07/18/02
Compromise Amount Offered	25,628.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$51,256.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

### JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Perez was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$76,884.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$76,884.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 25,628.00	\$25,628.00	33.33%
County of Los Angeles	76,884.00	25,628.00	33.33%
Net to Client	N/A	25,628.00	33.34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$102,512.00</b>	<b>\$76,884.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Perez is unemployed and receives support from relatives. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 52E  
DATE: February 20, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$245,380.00	Account Number	10644389
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Kent, Sean A.
Balance Due	245,380.00	Service Date	02/10/02 to 04/29/02
Compromise Amount Offered	8,169.16	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$237,210.84	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

### JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Kent was involved in an automobile versus motorcycle accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$245,380.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$25,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 8,333.33	\$ 8,333.33	33.33%
Queen of the Valley Hospital	4,907.00	1,200.00	4.80%
County of Los Angeles	245,380.00	8,169.16	32.68%
Net to Client	N/A	7,297.51	29.19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$258,620.33</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Kent is unemployed and receives support from relatives. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 52F  
DATE: February 20, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$49,656.00	Account Number	10673295
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Bird, Cathy
Balance Due	49,656.00	Service Date	02/04/02 to 02/12/02
Compromise Amount Offered	15,271.97	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$34,384.03	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

### JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Bird was a victim of a dog bite. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$49,656.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$50,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$15,941.03	\$15,941.03	31.87%
Attorney Cost	725.00	725.00	1.45%
Premiere Medical			
Thomas Heric, M.D.	2,550.00	796.00	1.60%
Robert Schatz, M.D.	500.00	500.00	1.00%
Harry Marshak, M.D.	700.00	100.00	0.20%
Homelink Pharmacy	49,656.00	15,271.97	30.55%
County of Los Angeles	N/A	16,666.00	33.33%
Net to Client			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$70,072.03</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Bird is unemployed and homeless. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.